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MEMORANDUM FOR: All OCA Employees

FROM: Dave Gries

SUBJECT: Discussion with Arnold Punaro, Minority Staff
Director, Senate Armed Services Committee

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1. [redacted] and I met with Arnold today. Several of his points merit wide distribution and, I believe, implementation within OCA.

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-Arnold counsels against briefing only Staff Directors, since they are unlikely to brief their minority counterparts or other leading staffers. In fact, this is precisely what happened to us on the [redacted]

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[redacted] and a number of other recent notifications. Arnold recommends that we brief both the Majority and Minority Staff Director and then contact staff of Members likely to be interested in the issue and recommend that they contact the Majority or Minority Staff Director for some interesting new information. We will need clearance of the appropriate Directorates before doing this, but I am convinced that in most cases we should proceed in this fashion.

-Arnold questions whether the DCI or DDCI need anchor as many hearings as they have been doing. He recommends that whichever Intelligence Community agency has the biggest part of the subject should produce the lead witness. This is a worthwhile goal though it will not work in all cases.

-He also recommends that the DDI host Congressional briefings at Headquarters on a series of key topics such as Muslim fundamentalism, arms control verification, third world debt or whatever. We could invite two to three Members to each briefing and perhaps include breakfast. The DDS&T could also host a briefing on an important new technical project. I see this suggestion as putting into action our plan to promote personal relations between the four Deputy Directors and Members.

-Finally, Arnold suggests that in advance of all hearings, we telephone staffers of Members and ask, first, are they planning to attend and, second, what questions are they likely to ask. I would like to implement this suggestion immediately, starting with the 9 April hearing on counterintelligence.



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